



# Gender Reassignment Board of Western Australia

Annual Report  
2018-2019



## The Gender Reassignment Board of Western Australia

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Dear Attorney

### **PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE GENDER REASSIGNMENT BOARD**

In accordance with section 13 of the *Gender Reassignment Act 2000*, I submit my report on the activities of the Gender Reassignment Board for the year ending 30 June 2019.

The Gender Reassignment Board is not a statutory authority specified in Schedule 1 to the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1985*.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick Hogan".

Patrick Hogan  
**PRESIDENT**

**1 August 2019**

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## **Functions of the Gender Reassignment Board**

The Gender Reassignment Board (the Board) was established under Section 5 of the *Gender Reassignment Act 2000*. The statutory functions of the Board are;

- a) To receive and determine applications for recognition certificates; and
- b) To issue recognition certificates in suitable cases.

Recognition certificates identify a person who has undergone a reassignment procedure as being of the sex to which the person has been reassigned.

## **Membership**

President:

Mr Patrick Hogan (Magistrate/Barrister)

Members:

Dr Russell Date  
Mr Grantham Kitto  
Dr Lauren Megaw  
Dr Kymberley Wilson

(Dr. Rowena Joan Koek – appointment expired 31 December 2018)

(Nic Gedid - appointed 1 January 2019 – has resigned – resignation submission has been forwarded to the Governor in Executive Council for approval).

Executive Officer:

Mrs Kathleen Halden (Department of Justice)

## **Registry**

The Board registry is contactable on (08) 9219 3111 or via email at [sat@justice.wa.gov.au](mailto:sat@justice.wa.gov.au) between 8:30am and 4:30pm, Monday to Friday. The registry is located at level 6, 565 Hay Street, Perth WA.

## **Staff**

The administration of the Board is conducted by the Executive Officer.

## **Finance and Administration**

The Board is an autonomous body that is wholly funded through the Department of Justice.

The Department receives all fees in respect of Board matters.

The Board does not directly employ its own staff. Staff are provided by the Department.

## Business Transacted

From 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 the Board received 34 new applications, carried 7 applications over from the previous reporting period and issued 32 recognition certificates, (of which 7 certificates were issued on applications received in the previous reporting period).

## Statistics

Applications lodged 2016 – 2017	34
Applications carried over from 2015 – 2016	7
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>41</u></b>
Applications granted without appeal	32
Applications granted on appeal	0
Applications refused	2
Applications pending	7
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>41</u></b>
Applications received for male to female	28
Applications received for female to male	13
<b>Total*</b>	<b><u>41</u></b>

\* This figure includes matters carried over from the previous reporting period.

## Appeal Cases

During the reporting period there were no appeals to the State Administrative Tribunal.

## Security

All applications lodged with the Board are kept secure with limited access. This is done primarily to ensure the privacy of individuals and to restrict access from persons not directly involved in the administration of the Board.

## Legislative change

The Gender Reassignment Amendment Bill 2015 (Bill no 121 of 2015) was introduced into the WA Parliament by the then Attorney General Michael Mischen on 18 March 2015. WA Parliament (WAP) was prorogued from Monday 30 January 2017 as result of a state election being called.

The Bill has not been reintroduced to Parliament.

The impact of these amendments if they are reintroduced to Parliament and proclaimed will be to abolish the Board and have all matters under the Act dealt with by the State Administrative Tribunal in its original jurisdiction.